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Office of General Counsel

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Automobile Accident 17 August 1949 - Car #5 - [Redacted]

1. As I informed you by telephone on 2 March 1951, I discussed this with Mr. Clark Ewing of the office of the U.S. District Attorney. As a result of the accident he is now defending the suit of [Redacted] against the United States and desires depositions from the two witnesses in the CIA car. I informed him that both witnesses were temporarily out of town but would most probably return at some-time in the future. There is no immediate hurry since the docket is crowded and the case will not come to trial for twelve to eighteen months

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2. The relationship of the car and the driver to CIA has already been disclosed. In any depositions taken from the two occupants of the car, a simple indication of "U. S. Government" would naturally lead to the inference that they were also CIA. If it is desirable to preserve the cover security of the two witnesses, then they should make an affirmative statement describing the specific cover within the Government in order to dispel any deductions which would be reached by simply saying "U. S. Government."

3. Mr. Ewing asked to be advised, if possible, about one week in advance of the time the witnesses will be available for interview and the taking of depositions. If you will inform me, I will make the necessary arrangements when [Redacted] come to town.

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